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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date in France of a patent application corresponding to the above-identified application is hereby claimed under Rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 in accordance with the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. This benefit is claimed based upon a corresponding French patent application bearing serial no. 02 08819 filed July 12, 2002; a certified copy of which is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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